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Rapid River News!

October 24, 2007



From L.R.B.O.I.

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(Natural Resource related items)

- **Detroit News.** Frank Donnelly from the Detroit News was in Manistee doing a story on the Commercial Fishing operation run by tribal members. It has not appeared yet.
- **Detroit Free Press.** October 11th story strengthens Consent Decree. Eric Sharp wrote about History and Law backing Indian fishing agreements. Sharp researched the issue and concluded that "Like it or not, non-Indian anglers and hunters are going to have to learn to live with the...agreement."
- **DNR Holding Tribal Rights Forums.** Director Jimmie Mitchell has reported that the State DNR is holding a number of forums to discuss the meaning of the consent decree and the 1836 treaty.
- **Deer Tagging program.** Nate Svoboda from Natural Resources was on with Bernie at WMTE in Manistee talking about the deer tagging program and how it affects deer hunters this fall. This is part of a multi-media approach to educating hunters in or near tribal property.

(General area items)

- **Aki Maadizwin Lot Owners.** Muschigon Construction, LLC is now available to construct your new Turn Key Home. They offer a wide variety of plans and can help you through the whole process. They also have information on Section #184 Indian Home Loans. Call them at 398-0800.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **MIS has new RFP site!** There is now a page on the LRBOI website for Requests for Proposals for contractual services. <http://www.lrboi.com/RFP/>. You can see these RFP's by going to this site. Please check it regularly.
- **New 800 phone number debut!** The updated toll-free line to the tribal government office is now active. Callers will now be able to check for office closings and hear the *Rapid River News* each week, as well as have a streamlined approach to contacting departments and employees. Use the number 800-723-8288 and try it out!
- **Roads Program Manager** It has recently come to our attention that the Manistee Area Public School Busses were not coming into AKI MADIZIWIN to pick up and drop off school children. They were mis-informed that AKI is closed to non-tribal vehicle traffic. This has been resolved and the Manistee Area Public School System busses will include AKI in their scheduled routes. The roads in AKI were constructed with Federal BIA Roads funds; roads built with these funds are considered public roads and are to remain open to the public. If you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to call Dan Shepard at (888) 723-8288 or (231)398-6810.
- **Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT)** – "Indian Energy Solutions 2007 Conference" and the American

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Spirit Award Dinner; November 29-30. The Conference is being held at the Pechanga Resort and Casino in Temecula, CA.

The **Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan** is being honored for their generous contributions to CERT and its/ educational programs. <http://www.certreearth.com/events.php>

(Emergency Management items)

- **Tippy & Hodenpyl Emergency Plans delivered.** Consumers Energy delivered copies of their emergency action plans to the tribal emergency management team as part of information sharing now that the Tribe and State of Michigan have a signed Local Emergency Planning MOU. This is all part of the effort to help protect tribal property and members living in Manistee.

Special announcement:



October 26, 2007

Dinner/Dance

All ticket proceeds will be donated to **Mary Bower**

Menu:

and rolls

Prime rib, mashed potatoes, salad

Location:

Civic Club

900 Vine Street, Manistee

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Time: 6:00 p.m.



7:30 p.m. Music begins

Cost: \$10 per person

Entertainment: Rock Supply

Tickets are limited and available from Port City Grille at 318 River Street or at 375 River Street from Janette Summers, Misty Figueroa or Kathleen Block

The night of the event there will also be a 50/50 raffle and raffle items which include a Pendleton blanket, overnight stay at the Casino, \$50 food voucher for the casino plus many more items

Halloween is Mary's favorite holiday so you are all encouraged to dress up in your best Halloween costume!!

(compiled by Office of Public Affairs)

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Public Information Office, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.
Or send them direct to currentscomments@lrboi.com.
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.